

Great Start to Advisory (GSQ) Committee Members

The Office of Great Start – Child Development and Care office received 124 applications from around the state for the GSQ Advisory Committee. The following priorities were used during the application review and selection process:

- Statewide distribution of members
- Want those engaged with GSQ and those not engaged with GSQ
- Equity/Diversity in terms of membership
- Representation of provider types (hoping for someone serving 0-12 as well)
- Representation of ages of children served
- Local level engagement and work as well as statewide entity representation

Stakeholder Category	Name	Diversity	Location of the State
Montessori	Susan Fitzpatrick	Caucasian	Wayne
Tribal	Holly Karlsen	Caucasian	Manistee
For Profit*			
GSRP/PreK	Tia Miller	Caucasian	Berrien
Head Start/Early Head Start	Cody Blair	Caucasian	Branch
Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership Grantee	Kathleen Coakley	Caucasian	Wayne
School Age	Tara Ball	Caucasian	Wayne

Stakeholder Category	Name	Diversity	Location of the State
Center Based	Karin Nowak	Caucasian	Washtenaw
Consultant	Thelma Carter	African American	Kalamazoo
Center Based (Early Head Start Child Care Partnership provider)	Juanita Castillo-Rowan	Hispanic/Native American/Alaskan Native	Ingham
Home Based	Reva Fowler	Caucasian	Roscommon
Home Based	Tameka Billingsly	African American	Ingham
Home Based Provider	Trisha Dart	Caucasian	Kent
Home Based Provider	Maria Isabel Blair	Hispanic/Latino	Kent
Not participating in GSQ*			
College/University with a licensed program (hoping for inclusion model and I/T)	Kathleen Neumann	Caucasian	Kent
College/University with a licensed program (hoping for inclusion model and I/T)	Laurie Linscott	Caucasian	Ingham
ECIC	Christy Opsommer	Caucasian	Statewide

Stakeholder Category	Name	Diversity	Location of the State
GSQ Resource Center Director	Deb Dupras	Caucasian	Upper Peninsula
GSQ Resource Center Director	Candice Hamel	Caucasian	Northwest
Child Care Licensing Consultant	Erin Kidd	Caucasian	Huron/Genesee
Early Childhood Support Network Lead*			
OGS Advisory Committee*			
GSQ Resource Center Staff	Rebecca Herbst	Caucasian	Wexford/Missaukee
Child Care Licensing Consultant	Jeannie Ellis	Caucasian	NE Upper
Parent	Nealmetria Loper	African American	Wayne
Parent	Crystal Suzik	Hispanic Native American	Gogebic
GSC/GSPC	Riley Alley	Caucasian	St Clair

*No applications received.